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Republican Leader Boehner
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Dear Leader Boehner,

Congratulations on yesterday's elections. Like many, I applaud your leadership, especially on the issue of restoring the people's House and reforming House Rules. Given the outcome of yesterday's elections, I believe we must do all that we can to make the House of Representatives as transparent and open as possible.

We have received a clear message from the American people and have a unique opportunity to restore and improve the rules of the House. We also have a significant group of new Members in the Republican Conference who will bring a range of experiences and a fresh perspective on what Americans expect from Congress. We must seize this opportunity and have a serious and meaningful debate in our conference about how to reform Congress.

I respectfully request that you and the Republican leadership team commit to a significant discussion, where all options are on the table on how to reform Congress during the week of November 15. For instance, I recently introduced H. Res. 1675 which would open up the committee process to the American people. This rule change would be extremely beneficial to the American people because as you know the bulk of legislation is written at the committee level - especially in the House of Representatives.

Right now, the people's House is broken and we must put serious effort into fixing it because as you mentioned earlier this year, "the mission of the United States Congress is to serve the American people."

Respectfully,

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Member of Congress